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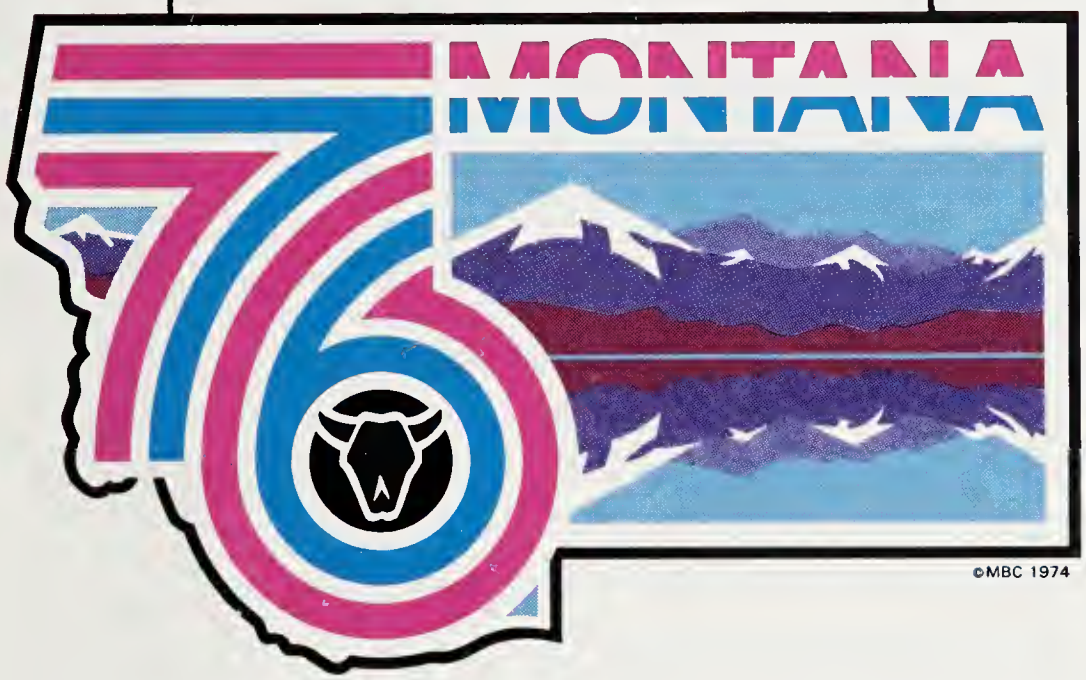

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GOVERNOR PRESENTED A BICENTENNIAL FLAG

Photo by Bobbie Gruel

MBA Director Hal Stearns, presents the Bicentennial flag to Governor Thomas L. Judge in recognition of the leadership and support the Governor has evinced for the Bicentennial program in Montana. The flag will be displayed in the Governor's office.

The MBA is very appreciative of the Governor's and the Legislature's support of Bicentennial programs for Montana, and feel certain that their continued support will ensure an effective and appropriate commemoration of the Bicentennial of our nation's birth.

10-STATE REGIONAL BICENTENNIAL CONFERENCE HOSTED BY MONTANA BICENTENNIAL ADMINISTRATION

Hal Stearns, John Barrett, and Paul McCann,and the Montana Bicentennial Administration, hosted the 10-state Regions 8-10 Bicentennial Director's Conference here in Helena at the Colonial Hilton September 8,9,10.

Directors from 10 western state met to coordinate plans for the upcoming American Revolution Bicentennial in 1976. Ms. Pat Jordon, ARBA Communications, and other federal Bicentennial administrators also came to Helena to help develop Bicentennial plans.

BILLINGS/YELLOWSTONE COUNTY BECOME MONTANA'S SECOND "BICENTENNIAL COMMUNITY" OCT. 2ND.

Billings/Yellowstone County became the second "Bicentennial Community" in Montana October 2, 1974, with ceremonies held in Billings.

Jerry Coll, ARBA Region 8 representative from Denver, Colorado, was on hand to make the announcement and present Mayor Leone and the Yellowstone County Commissioners with the ARBA flag and the Bicentennial Community recognition.

Sidney/Richland County was Montana's initial Bicentennial Community, being designated this past summer. To become a Bicentennial Community, a city or county must develop extensive Bicentennial plans and move effectively towards their successful completion. Assistance on how to become a Bicentennial Community is available from the MBA.

The MBA is extemely proud of the Billings/Yellowstone Bicentennial Commission and especially the Co-Chairmen, Deean Leckie and Bob Glasgow, for all the hard work and effort they put in to insure this designation.

Some of the projects planned by the second Bicentennial Community in Montana are:

Preservation of the old town of Coulson, Family History and Geneology collection, preservation of Historic homes, Marking of historic homes, establishment of library photograph histories, to preserve and mark the Baker battleground, Bicentennial art exhibits, a county-wide Calender of Events, special drama presentations, the production of a film on cowboy artist, Ken Ralston, the establishment of a well and a Bicentennial Park, the formation of an Arts and Humanities Council, the Landmarks Council to aid community urban development, exhibits at the Yellowstone Exhibition, the Freedom Train visit and celebration, Area History Book, Bicentennial murals painted on the walls of the Courthouse Lobby, and Radio and television spots promoting the Bicentennial of the American Revolution.

The community has worked hard and a distinguished Bicentennial observance will certainly be the result. Congradulations, once more, to Billings/Yellowstone Co. for becoming Montana's 2nd Bicentennial Community.

The "Yellowstone Bicentennial Purse" was a special feature race at the 1974 Yellowstone Exposition in Billings this Fall. Yellowstone County Bicentennial Commission Co-chairmen, Bob Glasgow and Deean Leckie and MBA Director, Hal Stearns, display the blanket which was won by Peyton Court.

The race will be a feature of the Yellowstone Exposition during the years of the Bicentennial era. Hal Stearns informed me that the "whole horse" won the race, and that the "partial horse" (that isn't how he put it) is the one in the white plantation suit holding the red blanket in the photo.

GET YOUR SCHOOLS INVOLVED!

The schools of Montana should all begin focusing on the Bicentennial themes. The State Department of Public Instruction will be sending out many suggestions for involvement by educators and students such as essays, art contests, poster contests; the study of music over the years; displays of antiques and family heirlooms and historic artifacts.

Drama instructors can focus on pageants or historical plays. Students can doll up the school grounds or assist with community improvements, clean up campaigns such as the Johnny Horizons program, etc.

GET THE YOUTH INVOLVED! THEY ARE TOMORROW!

"OLDEST SOURDOUGH BATCH IN MONTANA" CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Are you ready for this? Probably not, but we'll give it a shot anyway...

We received so many good responses to our "Sourdough Contest" that we decided to print some of them in the Bicentennial News. The "old" batches range in age from several years to nearly 160 years old! In the last issue of this newsletter, it was mentioned that perhaps we would discover the "biggest liar" in Montana, rather that the "oldest batch of sourdough." Well, I prefer to let that question remain unanswered, because it was a lot of fun, anyhow!

Before we announce the winners, we felt it would be interesting to print some of the more interesting entries for your information and appreciation. The entries will be quoted from without editing to "preserve" the quality of the stories.

From W. F. Hill, of Greenough, Montana:

"Mr. John Barrett-Dear Sir.

I have used Sourdough since 1925 on pack trips and chuck wagons - when one had to be a "long line skinner",not a truck driver.

We have here at the ranch a Sourdough jar 25 years old. Sourdough, to be good, must be kept alive. I mix mine everyday, take out and add to it. That makes 50 years I have used Sourdough. It's good stuff...W. F. Hill"

From Mrs. Robert Pitzman of Kalispell, Montana:

"Dear Sirs,

My sourdough is a part of the family since 1965, when a friend gave me a start. I can't tell you how old it is, but it had been in use a way back.

We take the sourdough when we go camping. We love hotcakes, biscuits, waffles, cornbread or cake made with sourdough. We feel it's a healthful yeast in sourdough that helped the oldtimers to be strong and endure many of the trials they had to.

I keep it in the refrigerator and we like it! A sourdough user, Mrs. Pitzman"

"Sourdough Editor,

One morning at a Butte, Mt. beanery, I ordered Alaska Gold Rush Sourdough Pancakes, and after being served, was fully convinced the advertising was accurate for the flavor was distinctive to say the least. The cook assured me his grandfather had gotten the starter from an old Eskimo who had gotten it from Jack London who got it from Robert Service while engaged in composing the Ballad of Dangerous Dan McGrew. The starter was later used by Admiral Peary and Roald Amundson on their Polar expeditions.

I cannot guarantee the authenticity of the claim, but I can assure you the memory and after effects of these pancakes will forever linger with me.

W.C. Fields"

I couldn't figure out this entry, but the signature looked strangely familiar. Although the letters spelled, "W. C. Fields," the scrawl led me to believe that this mysterious entry was submitted by an ex-editor of a Montana newspaper, ex-pugilist, ex-ballroom dancer, ex-society swag, and present Montana Bicentennial Administration chief, Hal Stearns.

From Mr. and Mrs. Earl Faro of Trout Creek, Mt.:

"Mr. John Barrett, dear sir,

We have a sourdough that I grew up with. I was an orphan raised by an old prospector, Pat O'Connor. In the early days, we looked over Montana, Wyoming, Utah and Nevada seeking gold and silver. Sourdough was our main bread cooked in a dutch oven. My wife and I were married the 15th of September, 1929, and she has made sourdough hotcakes ever since.

We keep our starter in a stone jar by the side of our stove. It is not the kind of sourdough you keep in a refrigerator, but thekind you have to keep from freezing. Ours has been wrapped in a blanket and packed on a mule both winter and summer for many a mile. I am 74. My wife is 67. We have been married 45 years come September 15. Come and visit us. We live 15 miles west of Thompson Falls on Big Beaver Creek. We have sourdough hotcakes ever morning.

"...We'll be glad to make you a breakfast of sourdough hotcakes, bacon and eggs anytime. Always have a pot of coffee on. Sincerely yours,

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Faro"

What can I say? Mr. and Mrs. Faro, thank you...

From Mrs. Walter Hill of Missoula, Mt.:

"Dear Mr. Barrett,

I noticed in the paper that you are looking for an old sourdough starter. I have one and it is delicious. It is 160+ years old. The story is interesting, so I will relate it quickly for you.

A friend of mine had a great grandmother who was a settler in Alaska many years ago. She got her start from an old trapper that she met.

(I wouldn't touch that last line with a 10-foot pole!)

It could be much older, but the 160+ is what I am sure of. I have had mine for over 11 years. Good luck and thanks for the opportunity. Sincerely,

Mrs. Walter Hill"

We asked Mrs. Hill to try to find out more information on this very old batch of sourdough. We are presently waiting her reply. The Bicentennial News will print more of these interesting sourdough "tales" in the next issue. Time and space limit our efforts, therefore, we shall wait for additional information to come in on several of these entries and will announce the winners in the next issue.

I hate to cop-out like this, but the entries are so interesting and amusing that I want to share them with you. If any of you have any comments on the entries printed in this issue, please send them in to me.

SECOND MONTANA BICENTENNIAL MEDAL READY

photo by Roche Jaune

The second medal in the official Montana Bicentennial Medal Collection is scheduled to be released in October,1974, by Roche Jaune, Inc., of Kalispell, Mont., manufacturers of the Montana collection.

Each medal in the collection features historic and highly original artwork on high relief Silver and Copper medals. The initial medal, featuring the Indian and buffalo culture of early Montana on one side, and Lewis and Clark on the other side, was released in August and is still available through the MBA or Roche Jaune.

The second medal, featuring THE FUR TRADE, "Beaver for the takin' on the upper Missouri," and the early prospectors, "Dust and nuggets-fever at Alder Gulch," depict a fur trader/mountain man with his pack team and on the other side a prospector "panning" for gold.

The medal can be ordered separately or as a collection by writing to Roche Jaune, Inc., Box 843, Kalispell, Montana, 59901.

A special "numbered" series will be offered on a first-come-first-serve basis. This series will be in .999 % silver and will be limited to 1500 numbered and recorded sets.

The third medal will be featured in the next issue of the Bicentennial News in October of this year. Inquiries concerning the official Montana Medal Series maybe directed to the MBA or Roche Jaune.

THE PEOPLE'S BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION?

The People's Bicentennial Commission (PBC) is a left-of-center, political and educational organization that desires to offer to the American people an "alternative to the ARBA."

The MBA feels that there is certainly room within a true democratic system for alternatives. The freedom to choose is totally dependent upon the existence of choices.

Questions on the PBC should be directed to:
PEOPLE'S BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION
1346 CONNECTICUT AVENUE, NW
WASHINGTON, DC 20036
ROOM 1025
TELEPHONE: (202) 833-9121

FROM THE PAST... *from the Bozeman Avant Courier 100 years ago.*

"...Bozeman school district had 194 children, aged 4 to 21, and 95 under 4 years of age. The school tax levy was 3 mills. The school term was 6 months."

St. Vincent's Academy was established in Helena in 1869. Board, tuition, and washing for 5 months was $130. Music and French lessons were extra.

New cells were being built at the Territorial Prison in Deer Lodge.

A Boundary Commission was assailed for placing most of Yellowstone Park in Wyoming!

A Gold Strike at German was yielding $30 per day per man.

A marvelous treadle sewing machine was advertized for $10.

A wedding ceremony was held with the following words: "Do you want one another?" Both replied, "Yes." "Well, then, have each other!"

Bozeman was busily planning for a fairgrounds and race track.

Mr. G. H. Stearns of Elizabeth New Jersey, and General A.B. Nettleton of the Northern Pacific Railroad spent 3 weeks in Yellowstone Park.

100 YEARS AGO IN MONTANA

Per pound...coffee 42¢...beef 6¢...Them was the good ol' days!!

It cost $25 for deck passage on a steamboat from Bismarck, N.D. to Fort Benton. $60 for a cabin.

Fraud was alleged in Meagher County in the vote to see whether Virginia City or Helena was to be the State Capitol.

A dollar-sized silver "Centennial" Medal sold for $1.50. Yep, them was the good ol' days!!

GREEN THUMB OFFERS BICENTENNIAL ASSISTANCE

GREEN THUMB, A PUBLIC SERVICE ORGANIZATION IN MONTANA SPONSORED BY THE FARMERS UNION AND FUNDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, HAS OFFERED ASSISTANCE TO THE BICENTENNIAL IN MONTANA. GREEN THUMB PROVIDES THE WAGES, WORKERS AND TRANSPORTATION TO HELP ON PROJECTS IN 19 MONTANA COUNTIES, INCLUDING, BLAINE, CASCADE, CARBON, CHOUTEAU, FERGUS, FLATHEAD, GLACIER, LEWIS & CLARK, MINERAL, MISSOULA, MUSSELSHELL, PONDERA, POWELL, RAVALLI, ROSEBUD, SILVERBOW, TETON, VALLEY, & YELLOWSTONE.

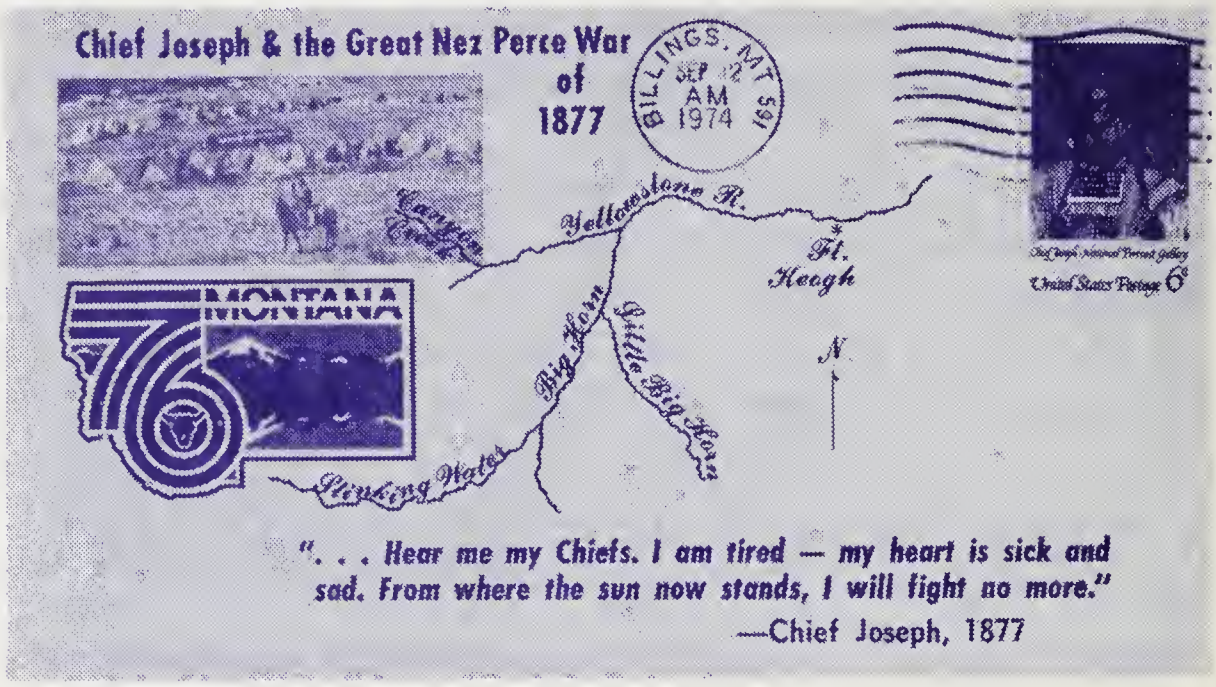
SOME OF THE PROJECTS GREEN THUMB HAVE OR ARE PARTICIPATING IN INCLUDE: HELPING ROUNDUP CONVERT AN OLD SCHOOLHOUSE INTO A MUSEUM, CONSTRUCTION OF A PICNIC AREA ON LAKE SHORES OF THE BLACKFEET RESERVATION, CONSTRUCTION OF A TOURIST INFORMATION CENTER AT LINCOLN, WORK ON A GHOST TOWN PRESERVATION PROJECT OUT OF MISSOULA AND INDIVIDUAL HOSTESSING SITUATIONS AT MUSEUMS AND SENIOR CENTERS.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE GREEN THUMB PROGRAM, WRITE TO THE MBA IN HELENA, OR DIRECTLY TO THE "GREEN THUMB", BOX 1609, CIVIC CENTER, GREAT FALLS, MT. 59401, OR PHONE GEORGE ERICKSON, DIRECTOR OF THE GREEN THUMB PROGRAM AT 761-4821.

THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNTY BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEES TO ENLIST PROFESSIONAL HELP IN MANY OF THEIR ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS, WHILE ONLY SUPPLYING A JOB TO BE DONE AND A PLACE TO DO IT. THE MBA MOST CERTAINLY APPLAUDS THE GREEN THUMB ORGANIZATION FOR ITS GENEROUS AND TIMELY OFFER OF ASSISTANCE TO THE BICENTENNIAL IN MONTANA.

answer-back cover: Thomas Paine

10 CACHET #3 IN THE OFFICIAL BICENTENNIAL SERIES FEATURING CHIEF JOSEPH NOW AVAILABLE



DEPICTED ABOVE IS A REDUCED PICTURE OF THE 3rd CACHET (COMMEMORATIVE ENVELOPE) RELEASED BY THE MBA IN SEPTEMBER. IN ALL, TEN CACHETS WILL COMPRISE THE OFFICIAL MONTANA BICENTENNIAL CACHET SERIES. A NEW CACHET WILL BE RELEASED APPROXIMATELY EVERY THREE MONTHS UNTIL THE BICENTENNIAL ERA IS OVER.

THE CACHET IS POSTMARKED IN BILLINGS ON SEPTEMBER 12, 1974, EXACTLY 97 YEARS TO THE DAY SINCE THE NEZ PERCE INDIANS AND THE US 7th CAVALRY FOUGHT NEAR CANYON CREEK CLOSE TO BILLINGS.

THE CACHET IS DRESSED WITH THE COLORFUL MONTANA BICENTENNIAL LOGO, AN ORIGINAL REPRINT OF A 1903 PHOTO OF THE NEZ PERCE CAMP, A QUOTE FROM THE FAMOUS CHIEF JOSEPH SURRENDER SPEECH, A MAP SHOWING CANYON CREEK AND THE RELATED WATERWAYS AND FORT KEOGH, THE SCARCE CHIEF JOSEPH STAMP, AND AN INFORMATION INSERT CARD DESCRIBING THE FLIGHT AND BATTLES OF THE GREAT NEZ PERCE WAR OF 1877 AND A DESCRIPTION OF THE CANYON CREEK SKIRMISHES.

THE CACHET IS AVAILABLE AT $1 FROM THE MONTANA BICENTENNIAL ADMINISTRATION OR YOUR COUNTY BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE. THE ENTIRE SERIES MAY BE PURCHASED BY SENDING $10 PLUS $1 FOR POSTAGE TO THE MBA IN HELENA.

THE COMMEMORATIVE CACHET SERIES WILL CERTAINLY BECOME ONE OF THE TRULY MEMORABLE AND VALUABLE ITEMS TO COME OUT OF THE BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION IN MONTANA. WE URGE YOU TO SUPPORT THE BICENTENNIAL IN MONTANA BY ORDERING THE CACHET SERIES NOW.

MADE IN USA

BICENTENNIAL COMMEMORATIVE ITEMS

The following Bicentennial commemorative items are presently available through the Montana Bicentennial Administration:

* Montana Bicentennial Logo Pins
* Montana Bicentennial Commemorative Envelope Series
* Montana Bicentennial Medal Series
* Montana Bicentennial Bumper Stickers

Information on the above items may be achieved by contacting the MBA or your local Bicentennial Committee.

BICENTENNIAL PUBLICATIONS

The following Bicentennial publications are now available by contacting the MBA in Helena:

* The Montana Bicentennial News
* "The Bicentennial in Montana"
  an informative pamphlet
* The Bicentennial Times
  the ARBA national newsletter
* The Bicentennial Guidebook
  for County Committees only
* "Bicentennial Project Suggestions"
  a good collection of ideas
* A Guide to Writing Local Histories
  for County Committees only
* Special informational pamphlets are also available.

ALL THE ABOVE PUBLICATIONS ARE FREE

As a Bicentennial research project for the English and P.A.D. Juniors and Seniors of Hysham High School, a history of Hysham High is being written by the students under the direction of Ms. Ruth Carrington Treasure County Bicentennial Chairman, and Mr. Knapp, of Hysham High. Congradulations, Hysham, on a fine project.

ABOVE GROUND ARCHAEOLOGY?

If your children all of a sudden start delving through the attic or basement, cellar or storage shed-don't be suprised. There's a good chance they are taking personal part in the commemoration of the nation's Bicentennial.

Should your grandchildren or great-grandchildren show a sudden interest in how life was "way back then," reminisce with them. If they want to tape record your memories, let them. You'll be contributing to the preserved history of the United States and Montana as we all embark upon our third century.

Searching out "lost" documents, photographs, letters, furniture, dress and other memorabilia from days gone by, or recapturing from memories the fullness and flavor of life in earlier times are part of a nationwide ABOVE GROUND ARCHAEOLOGY (AGA) Bicentennial project.

By and large, ordinary citizens have left little recorded testament of their lives, but it is living history. A new effort is being made to reach and retain these previously mute sources during the Bicentennial.

A booklet has been published describing the basic techniques of collecting and preserving items which can give the "archaeologist" an understanding and appreciation of what life was like in the past.

ABOVE GROUND ARCHAEOLOGY is available for 60¢ by writing: Superintendent of Documents
US Government Printing Office
Washington, D. C. 20402
(Stock No. 2405-00528)

This booklet is a must for schools and interested adults. Send for a copy now.

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100 YEARS AGO IN MONTANA

The Bozeman Avant newspaper was started. The Helena editor said that "a successful editor could not change his mind with each moon change to suit the caprices of 'the interests!'"

Col. Sanders was behind a move to get 2000 books for the new Helena library.

Times wasn't good in '74...Eastern industries were shut down and farm prices were terrible! (What's New!)

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Photo by Hal Stearns

SP6 Mike Fischer of Bozeman, SGT Ray Mentzer of MSU-Bozeman, and Captain Lawrence Heberle, Bozeman, of the 50th Military History Detachment, US Army Reserve, Bozeman, are pictured above locating the site of Fort Howie near Martinsdale.

The Fort existed in 1867 and 1868 and all that remains of it are the remnants of the fireplace and a depression where a cellar once existed. The location of several of the buildings was staked out through the use of metal detectors.

The detachment is assisting the Bicentennial by providing technical research on the spot surveys of military posts during the 1860-1880 period of Montana history. They have surveyed Camp Baker, Fort Logan, Fort Howie and Camp Ida Thoroughman. Other posts are scheduled for research during the Bicentennial era.

THE MONTANA BICENTENNIAL ADMINISTRATION WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE "SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF MONTANA PIONEERS" FOR THE USE OF THEIR OFFICE SPACE. THE "PIONEERS"MADE THE SPACE AVAILABLE AS A BICENTENNIAL PROJECT.

MBA HOSTS FIRST STATE BICENTENNIAL WORKSHOPS

The Montana Bicentennial Administration hosted Bicentennial Workshops around the state for the County Bicentennial Committees and other interested persons.

The Workshops were set up in several areas in the state to ease driving time. The first workshop, in Glendive, September 30, was held by Director Hal Stearns and saw 11 of the 14 Eastern Counties represented. The second workshop, October 1 in Billings, was attended by 7 of 14 Southcentral Counties. The October 3 Butte meeting evidenced 7 of 11 counties, and the October 8 Polson meeting, 6 of 6 counties. The final workshop was held in Havre on October 10 and witnessed 6 of 11 counties represented. In all, 37 of Montana's 56 counties participated in the 1974 state Bicentennial Workshops.

The meetings proved to be very informative and many questions about local involvement in the Bicentennial were asked. Group discussions centered on Bicentennial Communities, Commemorative items, Fundraising, Local and County Organization, Community Involvement, How to obtain Federal Grants, Educational Involvement and the overall goals of the Bicentennial in Montana.

The first Bicentennial Workshops in Montana were highly successful in terms of overall participation and the important exchange of ideas. Hal Stearns, Director, feels that "the 1974 Workshops were a measured success, and the real measure will be ascertained when the Bicentennial is over. Community Involvement is essential to an effective commemoration and our goal is to involve the entire state. Those counties that participated in the workshops will find the last year-and-a-half much easier as they make their preparations for the Bicentennial. I welcome any suggestions Montanans may have on the Bicentennial and the workshops planned for next year."

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PLEASE SEND IN TO THE MBA THE YELLOW PROJECT INFORMATION SHEETS GIVEN TO YOU AT THE WORKSHOPS WITH ALL THE PROJECTS AND PLANS YOU HAVE FOR THE BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION IN YOUR AREA.

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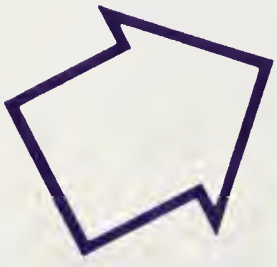


HELENA JAYCEES HOST FIRST ANNUAL BICENTENNIAL FAIR

Helena was the place to be on Labor Day, 1974! The First Annual Bicentennial Fair was held over a 2-day period with activities on the Mall downtown and at the Lewis & Clark County Fairgrounds.

Activities ranged from an old time barn dance to kiddies' parades, watermelon and pie eating contests, movies, rock bands, picnics, horseshoe tournament, sack, bike and model "T" races, fishing, shoe kicking, fly casting, and greased pig contests, can can dances, melo-dramas, barbershop quartets, banjo players, games, dis-plays, an old time saloon, the Mall dedication, and tons of fun for the entire Helena area community.

The Fair was a cooperative venture of the Jaycees and the MBA. Many organizations in the Helena area had pitched in with booths, consessions, games to insure a wonderful weekend. Many old-time costumes were seen and already plans are being made to hold the Second Annual Bicentennial Fair in 1975.

Your community could get together and plan a Fair of this kind. It is loads of fun, and everything is inexpensive, and in most cases, free! Let us know, we can help your Bicentennial committee make plans for "an old fashion fair."

ONLY A FEW "CAMP BAKER" CACHETS REMAIN TO BE SOLD

Several months ago, the MBA issued a special cachet (commemorative envelope) postmarked from White Sulphur Springs, near the original Camp Baker. This cachet, limited to 500 individually numbered cachets, is stamped with the original Camp Baker hand-cancella-tion device which was used in the 1870's.

Of the original 500, only 100 or so remain to be sold. The price is $5. The cachet is blue with an artist's sketch of the Camp, the scarce Grant-Sher-man-Sheridan Military stamp, and an insert card des-cribing the postal and Camp histories, plus a picture of the hand-cancellation device itself.

The special "Camp Baker" cachet is sure to be one of the treasured commemorative items of the Bicen-tennial era in Montana. Orders should be sent to the MBA in Helena.

ANCIENT HISTORIC TREE STILL STANDS

Photo by Carolyn Riebeth

The tree under which pioneer Jesuit missionary, Pierre Jean DeSmet, conducted religious services in 1840 still stands in the Big Horn Valley between St. Xavier and Fort Smith, just off the main highway.

Carolyn Riebeth of the Big Horn County Bicentennial Committee sent us the picture of the tree which has been badly shattered.

DeSmet was returning to St. Louis to get permission to establish a mission among the Flathead Indians. Such historic sites are the kind we hope become adequately marked and preserved during the Bicentennial era.

A MOST SIGNIFICANT BICENTENNIAL CONTRIBUTION WOULD BE TO DETERMINE WHERE HISTORIC EVENTS HAPPENED IN MONTANA, AND SEE TO IT THAT THEY ARE PROPERLY MARKED. EVERY COUNTY IN THE STATE HAS AT LEAST ONE SITE OF HISTORIC CONSEQUENCE. SEEK AND IDENTIFY THE SITES WITH A MONUMENT BEFORE THE LOCATION IS FORGOTTEN.

IN RYEGATE, FOR EXAMPLE, THE GOLDEN VALLEY COMMITTEE PLANS TO ERECT A MONUMENT WHERE CHIEF JOSEPH AND THE NEZ PERCE INDIANS CROSSED THE MUSSELSHELL ON THEIR HISTORIC TREK IN 1877.

100 YEARS AGO IN MONTANA... *from the Bozeman Avant Courier.*

One dollar purchased 20 lbs. of flour, 2 lbs. more than in Europe. In Boston, $1 bought 5½ lbs. of beef, but only 1 lb. in England!

Over 300 Chinese were mining the Jefferson River.

"Why pay 25¢ for a glass of beer, when you can get it for 12½¢ at Manej's?"

The grave of John Bozeman was in a disgraceful condition and must be taken care of and properly marked.

A petrified oyster shell was found in the Musselshell Valley. Government explorers had reported that area was never covered by salt water!

In 1873, there were 148,482 immigrants. In 1874, the number had declined by half- fewer Germans due to increased fares.

The Gallatin County debt increased to thestaggering amount of $12,000 mourned the frugal Bozeman Avant Courier editor.

DOWN HARDIN WAY... *Mrs. Eloise Pease of Hardin is working with Joe Medicine Crow on a history of the Crow Indians. Big Horn County Cowbelles are planning a cookbook. Marion Carper is collecting oral interviews, and students have written many family histories! Keep up the good work!*

Some 300 cavalrymen are planning to ride from Fort Lincoln, North Dakota, to the Custer Battlefield, following the trail of General Custer and his men. The 100th anniversary of the Battle of the Little Big Horn is in June of 1976.

TREASURE HUNTERS?

Almost every attic or basement has old maps, photos, diaries, garments of the past which should be preserved for posterity. Hunt them out and help your local Bicentennial committee with an antique show.

There are old-timers to interview--many having fascinating stories to tell of the past. Arrange for tape recording of their recollections.

A fashion show featuring old-time costumes would be fun.

FUNDRAISING IDEAS?

Sheridan and Prairie County Bicentennial Committees have each developed their own stationery and envelopes to be sold through local merchants as a Bicentennial fundraising idea. It is a good way to localize the fundraising drive, and at the same time provide local residents with a beautiful and practical gift associated with the Bicentennial.

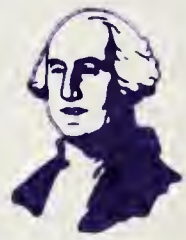
This kind of fundraising activity could help defray office expenses or wind up being used as "match" for a Bicentennial project grant.

Local barbeques and raffles are also good and appropriate fundraisers.

Quiltmaking, cooking or arts contests could well serve to involve the community in thinking Bicentennial.

WE'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU ON FUNDRAISING IDEAS! LET US KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING, AND WE WILL GIVE YOU A PLUG IN THE BICENTENNIAL NEWS.

We've heard of many ideas already: sales of historical books, bazaars, jewelry sales, etc. You can also contact your County Commissioners. They have been authorized by the Legislature to support your Bicentennial efforts. One county has already received over $28,000! Talk to them, it can't hurt.



SAVE YOUR HERITAGE

All over Montana are important historic sites and buildings which should be saved for posterity. It is vitally important we awaken to realize that unless we take steps now to preserve these historic landmarks, they will be lost forever.

There are structures of architectural merit in many towns which deserve preservation.

Communities can enhance their appearance by refurbishing their business districts. A number of towns have done so by making over a dingy main street into an authentic "old west" frontier style facade. The ideas are many, choose one and go with it.

It all begins with one town meeting.

COUNTY BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEES SHOULD KEEP THEIR LOCAL MEDIA AWARE OF THEIR PLANS. HAVE YOUR COMMUNICATIONS CHAIRMAN RELEASE NEWS OF YOUR PLANS ON A WEEKLY BASIS. INVOLVE THE PRESS, THEY ARE INVALUABLE TO YOU!!

GOVERNOR JUDGE NAMES NEW ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS

The 21 Montana Bicentennial Advisory Council members were joined recently by five fellow Montanans as Governor Thomas L. Judge filled several vacancies on the Bicentennial planning Council. The Advisory Council was established to advise and make recommendations to the Montana Bicentennial Administration's Director, Harold G. "Hal" Stearns.

The five new members include: Laura Daniels, Sidney, Harold "Frenchy" Girard, Scobey, Gloria Heggen, Ekalaka, Gorden Rognlien, Kalispell, and Ann C. Smith, Butte. The MBA welcomes these new members to the Bicentennial effort in Montana and is looking forward to their wisdom and professional input at the next Advisory Council meeting scheduled for November 8, 1974.

Welcome aboard!

NEW BICENTENNIAL BROCHURE AVAILABLE

"The Bicentennial in Montana -- What does it mean?" is the title of the recently published informational brochure offered by the MBA for the general public.

The brochure outlines the meaning of the Bicentennial nationwide and in Montana, and further delineates the three themes of the Bicentennial. It evidences Montana's Bicentennial organizational chart and how the counties and local communities can become involved in an appropriate commemoration of the nation's birthday.

The brochure is available free of charge to anyone interested in the Bicentennial in Montana. Interested persons may procure brochures by writing to the MBA, Box 1776, Capitol Station, Helena, Mt., 59601.

We recommend them as passouts for your organization's next meeting. GET INVOLVED IN THE BICENTENNIAL!!

Every community in Montana should participate in the American Revolution Bicentennial. It is our Heritage and our future at stake. Get the community together and seek to develop at least one project that reflects the needs and desires of your community as a whole--a project that will better your community's way of life.

DAWSON COUNTY COMMITTEE OFFERS HISTORIC BRAND BOOK FOR SALE *

A limited edition of the rare Van Dersal and Conner's Montana Stockgrowers' Directory of 1900 is being published by the Dawson County Bicentennial Committee. The book lists all the brands and owners in Montana from 1872 to 1900. In addition, it includes the sheepgrowers and old ads from the important businesses operating in the 24 counties of that period in Montana history.

The Directory has 698 facsimile pages with pictures and a map of the state. It is a treasury of our past, and should interest all lovers of our glorious heritage.

Information requests and orders should be addressed to Marie MacDonald, Heritage Chairman, Dawson County Bicentennial Committee, Glendive, Mont.

FIDDLERS' PROGRAM IN LAVINA

The American Legion and Auxiliary Post #66 sponsored a Fiddlers' Program on Sunday, October 27 at 2:00 PM at the Lavina School Gym. The Fiddlers' Program was an official Golden Valley County Bicentennial Committee event.

MONTANA LEGION AND AUXILIARY SLATE BICENTENNIAL PROGRAM

"Honoring All Montanans of All Wars" will be the theme of the joint observance program of the Montana American Legion and Auxiliary Departments due to action of both bodies at the 1974 Department Convention, July 12-14. The observance will be built around events applicable to Montana's part in all wars during America's first 200 years and a $10,000 budget is set up, according to Chet Shore, Bicentennial Coordinator for the Montana American Legion.

BICENTENNIAL ADVISORY COUNCIL TO MEET

Hal Stearns, Director of the Montana Bicentennial Administration, and Ted Schwinden, Chairman of the Montana Bicentennial Advisory Council, have called a meeting of the Council on November 8, 1974 in Helena.

The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room of the Montana Historical Museum, on the same floor as the Montana Bicentennial offices.

Discussions will include the development of a Speaker's Bureau, the design for the 4th and final medal, University involvement, a Bicentennial awareness campaign, and the Council's advice on more than 100 projects seeking Bicentennial endorsement, recognition, & funding. The development of a far-reaching advertising campaign to educate Montanans about the Bicentennial is a real priority of the meeting, according to Director Stearns.

The Advisory Council members represent every corner of this vast state, and they provide valuable insight and advice to the Director in his planning for the Bicentennial commemoration.

BICENTENNIAL BUMPER STICKERS NOW AVAILABLE

The Montana Bicentennial Administration is making available to County Bicentennial Committees a new source of fundraising: Bumper Stickers! The 4" x 15", red, white and blue eyecatchers are available now for local committees who would like to incorporate them in their fundraising plans.

The bumper stickers stress the three themes of the Bicentennial: Heritage, Horizons, and Festival. The stickers have the Montana Bicentennial logo displayed along with a slogan. The three slogans, representing the three themes are: "PRESERVE YOUR HERITAGE", "EXPAND YOUR HORIZONS", AND "AMERICA'S BIRTHDAY---YOUR FESTIVAL".

The colorful bumper stickers may be secured by writing the Bicentennial office in Helena. As is the policy with other commemorative items, the MBA will allow County Bicentennial Committees to order these bumper stickers at a very low cost to be resold in the local communities as a fundraising item at a competitive price. We urge your committee to participate!

D I R E C T O R ' S M E S S A G E

Time is now of essence. 1976 isn't very far away. As I write this, barely over 600 days remain until July 4th, 1976--the Bicentennial of the American Revolution.

So a lot of work must be done by each of us--the MBA staff, ARBA, and your local communities and counties--to properly commemorate the 200th birthday of the United States of America.

200 years ago, in 1776, Americans were involved in the first stages of throwing off the shackles of oppression. Two years later, Jefferson propounded in the Declaration of Independence, our determination to have "government of, by, and for the people."

During the succeeding 198 years, we have been striving to come up to the principles of the Declaration of Independence, and slowly, but surely, we are making them a reality.

You and I, as citizens of this great Union, can shape the future. Through an effective commemoration of the Bicentennial, we can insure a more vigorous USA. The three themes of the Bicentennial: HERITAGE, HORIZONS & FESTIVAL can be translated into realities by your involvement.

If the Bicentennial in Montana results in saving our historical landmarks, our experience of the past; if we build parks and improve our appearance; if we celebrate an appropriate birthday of America; we will have done our part to insure an effective entrance into the 3rd century of our nation's freedom.

Sincerely,

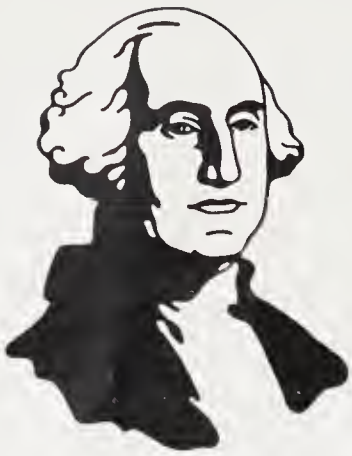
Hal G. Stearns

MONTANA BICENTENNIAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Chairman	Ted Schwinden	Helena
Members	Norma Ashby	Great Falls
	Harry Billings	Thompson Falls
	Charles Bovey	Great Falls
	Laura Daniels	Sidney
	Ray Dominick	Helena
	Carolyn Ennis	Billings
	Joe Fitch	Bozeman
	Stella Foote	Billings
	Harold Girard	Scobey
	Bob Henkel	Helena
	Merle Lucas	Helena
	Michael Malone	Bozeman
	Don McClintock	Great Falls
	Thor Myhre	Billings
	Dave Nelson	Missoula
	John Quigley	Frontier Town
	Ashley Roberts	Helena
	Henry Ruegamer	Hardin
	Del Siewert	Helena
	Ann Smith	Butte
	Doug Smith	Helena
	Wilber Werner	Cut Bank
	Frank Whetstone	Cut Bank
	Gloria Heggen	Ekalaka
	Gorden Rognlien	Kalispell

Contact your Advisory Council members. They can assist you in your Bicentennial planning. The Advisory Council members were appointed by the Governor to advise and make recommendations to Bicentennial Director Hal Stearns.

They are your direct link to the Bicentennial in Montana. Keep them informed. Let them know your ideas for the Bicentennial.



WHO SAID THAT?

"What we obtain too cheap, we esteem too lightly; it is the dearness only that gives everything its value."

"Panics, in some cases, have their uses; they produce as much good as hurt. Their duration is always short; the mind soon grows through them, and acquires a firmer habit than before."

"War involves in its progress such a train of unforseen and unsupposed circumstances that no human wisdom can calculate the end. It has but one thing certain, and that is to increase taxes."

"Not a place on earth might be so happy as America. Her situation is remote from all the wrangling world, and she has nothing to do but to trade with them!"

"The world is my country,
All mankind are my brethren,
To do good is my religion,
I believe in one God and no more."

"These are the times that try men's souls!"

for answer, see underlined name on page nine

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